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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: SCHEDULE

REF: CARACAS 9949

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED PROPOSALS MADE IN REFTEL WITH WHITE
HOUSE STAFF AND NSC. FOLLOWING ARE OUR COMMENTS, TO WHICH
WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY REACTIONS.

2. ALTHOUGH THE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY IS DESIRABLE, IT
POSES SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN TERMS OF TIMING AND PRESS
MOVEMENTS. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THE EVENT CAN BE DROPPED
WITHOUT SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS.

3. WE WOULD PREFER UNLESS PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS DEMAND
OTHERWISE, TO HAVE PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER DRIVE IN
FROM THE AIRPORT AND PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE CONGRESS TO
MAKE HIS SPEECH. PRESUMABLY HE WOULD BE ABLE, ON THE DRIVE
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IN, TO CHAT WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ AND SO AVOID GIVING ANY
SLIGHT TO THE VENEZUELAN. AFTER THE SPEECH, HE COULD
THEN PROCEED TO THE MIRAFLORES PALACE FOR THE BILATERAL
MEETING. THIS COULD LAST UNTIL 1645. THE PRESIDENT AND
MRS. CARTER WOULD THEN GO TO LA CASONA AND THEREAFTER NO
FURTHER MOVEMENT THAT EVENING IN CARACAS WOULD BE REQUIRED.

4. THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO PRESS CONFERENCE IN CARACAS.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THE ABOVE BY COB, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18. IN DOING SO, WE WOULD WISH THE EMBASSY TO PROVIDE A NEW TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE FULL VISIT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OUR PROPOSALS AS MODIFIED BY EMBASSY. VANCE

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